

I strongly oppose the proposal to revise media ownership policy. There is already too much concentration of ownership in the hands of too few entities. A strong democracy requires that all voices be heard, and the mass media are the loudest voices in our society. We must, therefore, keep the maximum possible variety of points of view available through the media, and further consolidation can not help but decrease that variety. I have no doubt that an argument for consolidation can be made on strictly economic grounds, but even an economist will admit that there are limits to the validity of economic analysis when it comes to the value of intangibles, like freedom.

Sincerely,
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